

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, and further to supplement the reply on 2/28/06 by Applicant, Applicant elects to prosecute the claims of Group I (Claims 1-12) to the collection vessel extender and has cancelled claims in Group II (claims 16-19).

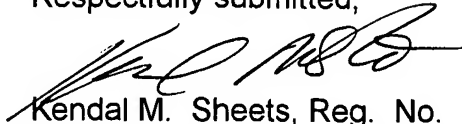
In election of species, Applicant elects the species of Figure 2 and claims 1-4 and 10-12 claiming features of that species. Claims 5-9 have been cancelled. Applicant notes that, for clarification of claim numbering, original claims 16-19 were numbered out-of-order as a typographical oversight and should have been numbered 13 through 16.

Applicant traverses the species election requirement and asserts that claim 1 is a generic claim covering all species shown and described in the specification. However, for completeness of reply to this office action, Applicant elects as stated above. Further, if the Examiner maintains that Claim 1 is not generic, a generic claim will be added at a later time.

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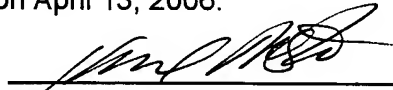
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